

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-17, and 19-27 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-24 of US 6,938,923. A Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming that portion of the term of any patent that issues from this application that extends beyond the term of US 6,938,923, and promising that both applications will be commonly owned throughout their periods of enforceability, is enclosed herewith, along with the required fee. This rejection has therefore been addressed and there are no further rejections.

Conclusion

For the above reasons, Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-17, and 19-27 are submitted to be in condition for allowance. If any minor issues remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved with a telephone call to Applicants' representative, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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